

REMARKS

Claims 1 – 37 were pending in the present application. All pending claims have been cancelled without prejudice. New Claims 38 – 71 have been added, thereby leaving Claims 38 – 71 for consideration upon entry of the present amendment. No new matter has been introduced by these amendments.

Claims Rejected Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph

Claims 1 – 37 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. (Office Action mailed September 29, 2003, page 2)

In making the rejection the Examiner has stated that “Applicants claim numbering is indefinite with regard to proper dependency. Several problems exist which appear to begin with originally filed Claim 8, which is directed to a colored data storage media”. (Office Action mailed September 29, 2003, page 2)

The Applicant's have, in response to this office action, cancelled Claims 1 – 37 without further prejudice. In place of the cancelled claims, new Claims 38 – 71 have been filed. No new matter has been introduced as a result of this amendment. Support for the new claims can be found at least in the original claims as filed and in the claims amended in subsequent amendments. As a result of the present amendment, this rejection is rendered moot and the Applicants respectfully request a withdrawal of the rejection and an allowance of the claims.